

# Crystal Cave Rocks!



Explore these fabulous cave formations!

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 2 hours before the tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance on Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see page 12 map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on the road to the cave.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep and it's 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about Wild Cave Tours and group reservations! Tours by SNHA.

## 45-Minute Cave Tours daily

Through 9/3: Weekdays 10:30am to 4:30pm every half hour.

Saturdays & Labor Day weekend: every half hour 10am to 5pm.

Sundays 10:30 am to 5 pm.

9/4 through 9/23: Weekdays 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm.

Saturdays & Sundays: on the hour 11am to 4pm.

9/24 through 10/28 (weather permitting): Weekdays 11am, 1pm, 2pm.

Saturday 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. Sunday 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm.

Fees: Ages 6-12 \$6; age 13-61 \$11; age 62 & up \$10; under 6 free. National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a discount!

## 1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours

Weekdays only through 8/31, starting at 4:15 pm. Enjoy an in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$18.95 each (SNHA members \$16.95).

# Free Activities

**WALKS & TALKS** Free ranger-led talks or walks are offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, Cedar Grove, and the Foothills. See pages 8 & 9 or check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - FREE

People of all ages earn a badge while learning to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center or ask a ranger. Follow the instructions and have fun!

**BEETLE ROCK NATURE CENTER** Programs, activities, and exhibits for all ages. Open June 30 through August 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Next to the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot across the Generals Highway from the museum.

**VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES** Each center offers different exhibits to enjoy. The park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases there help to support the parks! See pages 8 and 9 for hours and locations.

## TEACHERS: BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS!

Rangers offer fun, curriculum-based programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade classes in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date for your class, call 1-559-565-4303.



# WHERE CAN I...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 to learn more). Use a map to know where you are!

### • WALK A PET?

*In the Parks:* Not on trails but it's ok 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). *In National Forest:* Pets can go on trails. *In both areas:* Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.

### • COLLECT THINGS?

*Not in Parks:* Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. *In National Forest:* Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. *In both areas:* Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.

### • GO CAMPING?

*In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

### • HAVE A FIRE?

Fire danger is serious; restrictions may increase. Check bulletin boards for limitations before starting any fires. *In the Parks:* Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. *In National Forest:* Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

### • RIDE A BICYCLE?

*In the Parks:* Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). Bicycles may not be ridden

through the Generals Highway construction zone. *In National Forest:* Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. *In both areas:* Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

### • CUT WOOD?

*Not in the Parks.* *In National Forest:* Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.

### • DRIVE OFF-ROAD?

*Not in either area.* Stay on roads.

### • GO PICNICKING?

See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Check bulletin boards for fire restrictions. Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Grizzly Falls, Halstead, & Powdercan. Big Stump Picnic Area is closed temporarily; it is serving as entrance station.

### • HUNT?

*Not in the Parks.* Fire-arms must be unloaded, inoperable & stored in way that prevents

ready use prior to entering national parks. *In National Forest:* Only during the season with a license. Call 1-559-243-4005.

### • GO FISHING?

*In both areas:* Permitted during the season; California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

## • RIDE HORSEBACK

From late spring into fall. Hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips.

### • Cedar Grove

1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

### • Grant Grove

1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season

### • Horse Corral

at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest south of Grant Grove  
1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell